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## Renovated Gym Re-Opened in Greenacres

The City of Greenacres welcomed the re-opening of the gymnasium at the Community Center. This heavily used gym was built over 20 years ago and has had no major renovation until now. The City included the 2019 renovation in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The gym, which is used six days a week for organized basketball, youth programs

and various other programing provided by the City. Recently, the gym was used as a food and supply collection point for the effort to provide clothing and food to Puerto Rico after a hurricane.

The nearly \$200,000 in renovations included new flooring in the gym and adjacent classrooms, new score boards, paint, wall pads, LED lighting and

new doors and the addition of bleachers.

Mayor Joel Flores said, "I have no doubt all the new amenities in the gym will be enjoyed by our community and the surrounding communities for years to come."

Several residents were present to see the new gym and there were several basketball players there to test the surface.



Staff, Youth Program participants, residents and friends joined in the Grand Re-opening of the Greenacres Community Center Gym.

## HIV Awareness Day Proclaimed in Palm Springs



Vice Mayor Joni Brinkman presents a proclamation for Aids Awareness Day in the Village of Palm Springs to representatives from Found Care, Inc.



Hurry Please! Residents wait anxiously for the ribbon cutting ceremony so they can get in the gym.



Greenacres youth join Mayor Joel Flores and the City Commission in the ribbon cutting ceremonies marking the gym officially re-opening.

## Books and Bubbles: Literacy in the Laundromat

Healthier Lake Worth Funds Unique Project Developed  
by the Lake Worth Beach Public Library

The Lake Worth Beach Public Library is pleased to announce that Healthier Lake Worth has chosen to fund its groundbreaking Books and Bubbles program. This project seeks to encourage literacy in the City of Lake Worth Beach by bringing Storytime events and books to families who are not currently Library users while they wait for their clothes to wash and dry in local laundromats.

These funds will enable the library to pur-

chase start up materials and books to give to the families who attend the programs. "Thank you, Healthier Lake Worth!" said Children's Librarian Cindy Ansell as she accepted the \$3500 check.

The impact of this program is two-fold. The families who attend the programs will be encouraged to develop early literacy behaviors and the volunteers who attend the training session will be provided with a way to positively change their community for the better.

In August, the Lake Worth Beach Library will begin training volunteers on how to present a Books and Bubbles Storytime program. The program will consist of reading simple books and singing songs to familiar tunes. Each volunteer will wear an apron which will identify them as a Books and Bubbles volunteer. Volunteers will begin visiting laundromats in September.

For more information about this project, contact Cindy Ansell at 561-533-7354.